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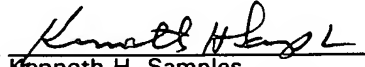
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AND OPTICAL
COMMUNICATION SYSTEM
USING THE SAME

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of this new U.S. patent application, and in addition to the Preliminary amendment filed on February 1, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks to be entered into this patent application. A marked-up copy of the claims as amended by this Amendment is submitted herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 25, 26, 52, 61, and 97-102 as follow:

25. (Amended) The optical fiber amplifier as claimed in claim 22, further comprising a reflector installed between said tellurite fiber and said silica fiber to reflect the pump light emitted from said second laser source.

26. (Amended) The optical fiber amplifier as claimed in claim 20; wherein said tellurite fiber and said silica fiber are connected in series, said silica fiber is installed upstream in the incident direction of signal light, and further comprising a reflector installed between said tellurite fiber and silica fiber to reflect the pump light emitted from said first laser source.